

# Compline : Night Prayer for after Vespers II of Sunday

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## The Gathering ...

### Welcome and introduction

*From our cycle of prayer for this dispersed  
worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is  
offered for*

- the priest, clergy team, people and  
community of S. Michael and All Angels  
Episcopal Church in Indiana, USA*
- and for the Liverpool Diocese.*

O God, come to our aid,

**O Lord, make haste to help us**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Alleluia**

## Hymn

Sing of the Lord's goodness,  
Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his Name.  
Mercy he has shown us,  
his love is for ever,  
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's  
goodness,  
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
Praise him with your music,  
Worship him and bless his name.*

Courage in our darkness,  
comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;

Solace for the weary,  
Pardon for the sinner,  
Splendour of the living God.

*Come then all you nations....*

Praise him with your singing,  
praise him with the trumpet,  
praise him with the lute and harp;  
praise him with the cymbals,  
praise him with your dancing,  
praise God 'til the end of days.

*Text and music: Ernest Sands  
(HON 1994 edition, 370)*

## Psalmody

**He will conceal you with his wings;  
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

He who dwells in the shelter  
of the Most High\*  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,\*  
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

It is he who will free you from the snare\*  
of the fowler who seeks to destroy you;  
he will conceal you with his pinions\*  
and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night\*  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
nor the plague that prowls in the darkness\*  
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side,\*  
ten thousand fall at your right,  
you it will never approach,\*  
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look\*  
to see how the wicked are repaid,  
you, it will never approach;\*  
his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Your eyes have only to look\*  
to see how the wicked are repaid,  
you who have said: 'Lord, my refuge!'\*  
and have made the Most High your dwelling.

Upon you no evil shall fall,\*  
no plague approach where you dwell.

for you has he commanded his angels,\*  
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands\*  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
on the lion and the viper you will tread\*  
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him;\*  
protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.\*'  
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

With length of life I will content him;\*  
I shall let him see my saving power.

*Psalm 91*

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**He will conceal you with his wings;  
you will not fear the terror of the night.**

## ***Scripture reading***

*Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and  
those who welcome me, welcome the one who sent  
me.*

*Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a  
prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone  
who welcomes a holy person because he is a holy  
person will have a holy person's reward.*

*If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to  
one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then  
I tell you solemnly, he will certainly not lose his  
reward.*

*Matthew 10: 40 – end  
The CTS New Catholic Bible*

## ***Responsory***

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

## ***Intercession...***

*..... intercession.... Bringing to mind those whom we  
pray for and holding them in God's love..., bringing  
the needs of the world, the church, and those who  
have no-one to pray for them...*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive them  
that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Cantic)***

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.**

**At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace,  
according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever,  
world without end.  
Amen**

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.**

### ***Collect Prayer***

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### ***Blessing and departure***

Let us pray

God our Father,  
as we have celebrated today the mystery  
of the Lord's resurrection,  
grant our humble prayer:  
free us from all harm  
that we may sleep in peace  
and rise in joy to sing your praise.  
Through Christ our Lord  
Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect  
end.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from  
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.**

**Amen**

Goodnight ....